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PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson yield?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR STAHLER: I wasn't sure I caught what the reasoning was, the drop down to \$10 now or if that indeed is what the motion calls for, the amendment calls for. Is that what it calls for? And if so, why?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well, the intent under this was that the addition that we were going to make to the credit would come out of the school aid and since that wouldn't really start until next year, there'd be no money to take it out of.

SENATOR STAHLER: Well, Senator Burbach spoke of the \$10 for the coming year. Is that correct or is that incorrect?

SENATOR SIMPSON: The amendment strikes the new matter and so it would put it back to \$10 for just this year.

SENATOR STAHLER: Why was the motion drafted in that fashion?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I thought I just explained that.

SENATOR STAHLER: No, why are we going backwards from what was already in the bill? For the coming year?

SENATOR SIMPSON: In order to take the money from the school aid fund, there would be no school aid fund additional to take this out of under LB772 until next year.

SENATOR STAHLER: But couldn't we take General Fund money now, Senator Simpson?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, yes, and not have to drop back to \$10.

SENATOR STAHLER: And not have to drop back to \$10?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR STAHLER: Well, why didn't.....would you.....

SENATOR SIMPSON: I don't object to it.

SENATOR STAHLER: You don't object to taking General Fund money but in addition you want to raise it to \$18 the following year from the school fund?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR STAHLER: All right now, if we dip into the school fund for this amount of food money, let's call this pork chop money, what's to stop us from dipping into the pork barrel then for welfare or for any other good cause?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I believe there's a direct connection between these because the portion we are taking would be money off of food as far as the sales tax goes, the additional amount.

SENATOR STAHLER: I fail to see the connection between monies going to schools and monies, taking that tax credit off of food. What is the connection between that?

SENATOR SIMPSON: The connection is that in order to raise the money for the school aid, we are adding on to the sales